



CCAD welcomes new sergeant major

Sgt. Maj. Dimpsey L. Lovell, USAR, comes to CCAD from Redstone Arsenal, Ala. where he served as sergeant major of the U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Command's Intelligence and Security Directorate from December 2002 to May 2004.

Lovell's civilian education includes graduate studies in public administration at the University of Colorado, the Drug Enforcement Administration Course, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy and a bachelor's degree from Athens State University, Ala. On his military education, he has completed the Intelligence Analyst Course, the Basic and Advance Noncommissioned Officer's Courses and is a recent graduate of the Sergeants Major Nonresident Course at Ft. Bliss, Tex.



photo by Gus Gonzalez

Sgt. Maj. Dimpsey L. Lovell

A four-year USAF veteran, Lovell served in the Ala. Army National Guard from 1975 to 1976 and joined the Army Reserve in 1982, advancing from the rank of sergeant to his present rank of sergeant major. Among his prior military assignments, Lovell lists operations sergeant major at the National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, Va. from October 2001 to October 2002; intelligence analyst at the National Ground Intelligence Center from 1990 to 2001 and at the Defense Intelligence Agency from 1987 to 1990; and with Military Intelligence Detachments from 1982 to 1987.

Lovell, a retired supervisory special agent with the U.S. Treasury Department's Criminal Investigation Division, calls Ft. Worth, Tex. home.

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Subway coming to the depot

Building 8 will soon be undergoing another facelift in the Branding Iron Restaurant area. CCAD Commander, Col Tim Sassenrath's plans, with concurrence from the three labor

union presidents, have been set in motion. The intent is to provide depot employees the best in healthy food choice and a pleasant environment in which to enjoy it. Those plans include closing of the Branding Iron Restaurant to make way for renovation of the existing facility to accommodate a Subway Restaurant.

The last day of operation for the Branding Iron, which has been around since the mid-1980s, is Fri., Sep. 10. During the renovation stage, which is slated

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Police lieutenant fits theme “Women - Inspiring Hope and Possibilities”

The CCAD Federal Women’s Program committee celebrated Women’s Equality Day last Thurs. with a luncheon featuring Lt. Lauren White with the Corpus Christi Police Department as guest speaker. Col. Timothy Sassenrath, depot

commander welcomed the 150 CCAD and Navy employees to the luncheon and joked: “I live with four women and a female dog and cat, so I know that it’s not a matter of equality, but superiority.” On a more serious note, Sassenrath commented, “There have been many changes because quality women stepped up to fight for women’s rights. I have seen female employees in all areas of industry who are doing the same job as their male counterparts, and doing it well.”

White, who has been with the police force 20 years, is a seven-year lieutenant and a member of the hostage negotiations team. White has served as team supervisor and noted that when she joined the force, female officers numbered 20. Since that time, the number has increased to 33,

still a small fraction of the 400+ force strength.

“Female officers realize that we are not as big or as strong as males, so we take a different approach when dealing with individuals,” said White. “We will

you see problems that need to be brought to the police force’s attention. “All you have to do,” says White, is call the dispatch officer and say “We do have a problem and we need help.”

The police force is no stranger to

manpower shortages. According to White, fifty percent of applicants fail the police academy entrance examination. Of those do make it another fifty percent will fail the physical fitness exam. Out of fifty applicants who do make it through the 1600 hours of classroom and firearms training, only 30 may make it to the psychological screening.

“It’s hard to find quality applicants and harder yet to find quality female applicants,” said



Glenda Turner (l), a member of the CCAD Federal Women’s Program committee, presents a certificate of appreciation to Lt. Lauren White a member of the Corpus Christi Police Department after the Women’s Equality Day luncheon last week. White was the featured speaker at the luncheon.

talk to the individual to get the compliance we need where a male officer may go with the strong arm tactics. Female officers bring a quality to the force that no one else does.”

White spoke to the audience about ways a private citizen can help the police force. One way is to report areas where

White.

Although there are times when she does not like her job, says White, 90% of the time she loves what she does.

The average citizen like me is very grateful to have quality police officers like Lt. Lauren White on our city’s law enforcement team.

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He lived in the Corpus Christi area with his family while working with law enforcement for eight years. He and spouse, Deborah, who taught school at Flour Bluff Independent School District, have one daughter, Ashley, who is a doctor in Ft. Worth.

Hurricane Ivan is now a Category IV hurricane with winds in excess of 140 m.p.h. and continuing a westward track toward the Gulf of Mexico.

HOW PREPARED ARE YOU?

CCAD welcomes U.S. Air Force visitors

Debra Uhlenhaker (back to camera) from the directorate of production management, briefs USAF visitors in the engine shop area. The team, headed by Col. Steven Schmidt from Lackland Air Force Base seen standing next to Uhlenhaker, visited the depot on a customer orientation tour and included Col. Debra Shattuck (standing next to Schmidt) from Kirtland Air Force Base, and (in no particular order) Col. Russ Gimmi; Col.(S) Robert Stine; Col. Eric Fiel; Lt. Col. Chris Overman; Maj. Keith Kenyon; Maj. Tim Pettit; CMSgt. Bruce Hoppes; MSgt. Dennis Fournier; and Pat Rodeheaver. "Very impressive," said Shattuck when asked about her thoughts on the CCAD tour.



In keeping with his philosophy that employees who excel should be recognized, Joe Herrera, director of engine production (I), presented an on-the-spot award to Maria C. Gallegos, management program analyst from the directorate of manufacturing/process production (r), for her support to the T-55 engine assembly branch. Gallegos is credited for ensuring timely processing of critical parts which results in engine production success.

ON THE SPOT AWARDS

Herrera also presented an on-the-spot award to Perry Lee Hockless, Jr., production controller from the directorate of engine production (r), for his "can-do" team attitude and attention to detail which helped the T-55 engine assembly branch exceed production conformance schedules.



Colombian personnel visit depot – Members of the Colombian Military Group visited CCAD last week for an orientation tour. Posing for a commemorative photo in front of CCAD Headquarters are (1-r) Carlos Perez, escort; LTC Gustavo De La Hoz, Colombia Air Force; Miguel Galindo, Jacinto Rodriguez, logistics advisor; CW3 Adalberto Galindo, U.S. Army escort; and Lt. William Carbajal Colombia Navy.



Welcome to CCAD!



The *Aircraftsman* extends a warm welcome to new employees joining the ranks last week. Pictured above waiting for their security check-in are (l-r): Richard Rodriguez and Eric Aceveda going to the directorate of manufacturing/process production; Susan Faught and Linda Randle, directorate of aircraft production; Marde Gideon, also with the directorate of manufacturing/ process production; and Matthew Collins, directorate of aircraft production.



Tina Sellman, formerly chief of programs division in the directorate of production management (I), has accepted the position of CCAD liaison with duty station at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Sellman, seen above during a farewell reception in her honor, departs CCAD this week. Standing next to Sellman is Al Gonzales, director of production management, who thanked her for her service to the directorate and CCAD.

Around the depot

Cecilio Palacios (I), employee in the directorate of manufacturing/process production's upholstery shop, retired last Fri. after 21 years of federal service. Palacios holds his retirement certificates as Col. Timothy Sassenrath, CCAD commander, pins his retirement pin on his collar. Palacios' co-workers presented him a trip for two to Las Vegas as a retirement gift.



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...Belinda Martinez (l) and Art Gomez (c), business development office, seen here serenading Patricia Valdez, command secretary AND on her birthday...

AND



...Ruben Gonzalez, AMG aircraft mechanic crew chief in CCAD flight test, Hangar 46. Gonzalez is seen installing a hydraulic transfer module on a UH-60A Black Hawk.

Healthier menu is commander's goal



photo by Sharon Haynes

SGM Lovell (left), emphasizes a point to a group discussing the renovation of the Branding Iron Restaurant facility to accommodate a Subway Restaurant. Also seen in photo are (l-r) Joe Gonzales, president AFGE local 2142; Juan Gonzalez, president IAM lodge 2048; Gregory Johnson, vice president, NFFE local 797; Robert Livengood, president NFFE local 797; Kresten Cook, director of engineering services; and Annette Cross, president Federal Managers Association. The new restaurant will offer an expanded menu and hours of operation to overlap the second shift.

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to take two months, Subway Restaurant will be offering a sandwich cart with a limited choice of ready made sandwiches. This cart, or kiosk, will be located in the area directly outside the present Branding Iron. Eventually, as work process permits, the cart will be moved into the facility.

At the completion of the renovation, Subway Restaurant will offer an expanded menu which will

include breakfast cereal, fruit, and taquitos. There is even the possibility of including a Capuccino machine. The lunch menu will include ready made sandwiches in addition to the regular made-to-order fresh sandwich line. The hours of operation will be expanded beyond the Branding Iron's normal schedule to overlap the second shift.

Looks like another positive change for CCAD employees in the works.

The family of Domingo S. Garcia, Jr. would like to thank all our friends and fellow CCAD'ers for your thoughts, prayers, and donations extended to us during our ordeal and recent loss of our beloved one. We are truly grateful for all the love, prayers and blessings you have shown us during these most difficult days. Words alone can not express how much we appreciate you. We pray that all your prayers and blessings be returned in kind. Thank you. God Bless

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